



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6253

January Session, 2013



**AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO REMOVE
ICE OR SNOW FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 14-252a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

3 (a) The operator of any noncommercial motor vehicle, as defined in
4 section 14-1, shall remove any accumulated ice or snow from such
5 motor vehicle, including the hood, trunk and roof of such motor
6 vehicle, so that any ice or snow accumulated on such vehicle does not
7 pose a threat to persons or property while the vehicle is being operated
8 on any street or highway of this state. Any such operator who fails to
9 remove accumulated ice or snow that poses such a threat shall be fined
10 seventy-five dollars and shall be deemed to have committed an
11 infraction.

12 (b) If the operator of a noncommercial motor vehicle violates the
13 provisions of subsection (a) of this section and snow or ice is dislodged
14 from such vehicle and causes personal injury or property damage,
15 such operator shall be fined not less than two hundred dollars but not
16 more than one thousand dollars for each offense.

17 (c) On and after December 31, 2013, the operator of any commercial
18 motor vehicle, as defined in section 14-1, shall remove any

19 accumulated ice or snow from such motor vehicle, including the hood,
 20 trunk and roof of such motor vehicle, so that any ice or snow
 21 accumulated on such vehicle does not pose a threat to persons or
 22 property while the vehicle is being operated on any street or highway
 23 of this state. Any such operator who fails to remove accumulated ice or
 24 snow that poses such a threat shall be fined seventy-five dollars and
 25 shall be deemed to have committed an infraction.

26 (d) On and after December 31, 2013, if the operator of a commercial
 27 motor vehicle violates the provisions of subsection (c) of this section
 28 and snow or ice is dislodged from such vehicle and causes personal
 29 injury or property damage, such operator shall be fined not less than
 30 five hundred dollars but not more than twelve hundred fifty dollars
 31 for each offense.

32 (e) This section shall not apply to (1) any operator of a motor vehicle
 33 during a period of snow, sleet or freezing rain if such period began
 34 and continued during the period of the motor vehicle's operation, or
 35 (2) any operator of a motor vehicle during the time such vehicle is
 36 parked.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2013	14-252a

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